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4184	8/13/49	Phoenix letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4185	8/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4186	8/16/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4187	8/16/49	Bureau letter to San Diego	4	yes	
4188	8/17/49	Richmond teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4189	8/18/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
4190	8/19/49	New York letter to Bureau	4	yes	
4191	8/18/49	New York teletype to Richmond	1	no	released in full
4192	8/18/49	Richmond teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4193	8/18/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4194	8/18/49	New York report to Bureau	24	yes	
4195	8/16/49	Kansas City report to Bureau	3	yes	

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4196	8/17/49	Detroit letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4197	8/22/49	New York memo Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
4198	8/22/49	New York memo Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
4199	8/15/49	Bureau letter to New York	4	yes	
4200	8/15/49	San Francisco letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4201	8/16/49	Seattle letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4202	8/18/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
4203	8/18/49	Richmond report to Bureau	7	yes	
4204	8/19/49	New York letter to Bureau	5	yes	
4205	8/23/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4206	8/19/49	Bureau letter to San Diego	1	yes	
4207	8/16/49	San Diego letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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4208	8/22/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4209	8/22/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4210	8/19/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
4211	8/18/49	Savannah letter to Charlotte	1	no	released in full
4212	8/12/49	Newark letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4213	8/22/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4214	8/23/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4215	8/23/49	New York teletype to Savannah	1	yes	
4216	8/15/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
4217	8/16/49	New York memo, Spencer	2	no	released in full
4218	8/17/49	New York memo A. D. Connelley	2	no	released in full
4219	8/17/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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4220	8/22/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4221	8/23/49	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
4222	8/22/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
4223	8/18/49	Los Angeles report to Bureau	7	yes	
4224	8/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4225	8/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4226	8/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4227	8/24/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
4228	8/18/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
4229	8/22/49	Bureau lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
4230	8/23/49	New Haven letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4231	8/19/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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4232	8/22/49	El Paso letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4233	8/25/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4234	8/25/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
4235	8/25/49	New York memo Bracken	4	no	released in full
4236	8/26/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4237	8/25/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4238	8/24/49	Springfield report to Bureau	3	yes	
4239	8/25/49	New Haven report to Bureau	3	yes	
4240	8/26/49	San Diego letter to New York	1	yes	
4241	8/25/49	Washington Field Office report to Bureau	34	yes	
4242	8/24/49	Omaha letter to New York	1	yes	
4243	8/24/49	Philadelphia letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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4244	8/25/49	U. S. Attorney letter to New York	2	yes	
4245	8/29/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4246	8/26/49	New York letter to Bureau	11	yes	
4247	8/24/49	Richmond letter to New York	1	yes	
4248	8/24/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4249	8/25/49	Norfolk letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4250	8/25/49	Charlotte letter to Savannah	1	no	released in full
4251	8/24/49	Boston report to Bureau	12	yes	
4252	8/25/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	3	yes	
4253	8/26/49	Newark letter to New York	2	yes	
4254	8/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4255	8/26/49	New York letter to San Diego	1	yes	

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4256	8/26/49	Philadelphia letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4257	8/29/49	New York letter to Bureau	6	yes	
4258	8/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4259	8/25/49	Boston report to San Diego	5	yes	
4260	8/30/49	Philadelphia letter to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
4261	8/30/49	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4262	8/31/49	Bureau letter to Los Angeles	1	yes	
4263	8/19/49	New York memo Shannon	2	no	released in full
4264	8/31/49	Cleveland report to Bureau	3	yes	
4265	8/29/49	Savannah report to Bureau	3	yes	
4266	9/1/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4267	8/31/49	Detroit report to Bureau	3	yes	

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4268	9/3/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4269	9/3/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4270	9/30/49	Albany letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4271	9/2/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4272	9/2/49	Philadelphia letter to Milwaukee	1	no	released in full
4273	9/2/49	San Diego letter to Bureau	3	yes	
4274	9/6/49	Detroit teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4275	9/6/49	El Paso teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4276	9/1/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4277	9/2/49	Butte report to Bureau	3	yes	
4278	9/2/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4279	9/2/49	New York memo . Spencer	2	no	released in full

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4280	8/31/49	New Orleans report to Bureau	3	yes	
4281	9/7/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4282	9/7/49	Charlotte teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4283	9/6/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
4284	9/6/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4285	9/7/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4286	9/8/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4287	9/6/49	Bureau letter to Baltimore	1	yes	
4288	9/8/49	New York memo Spencer	1	no	released in full
4289	9/8/49	New York memo Spencer	1	no	released in full
4290	9/8/49	New York memo Spencer	1	no	released in full
4291	9/8/49	New York memo Spencer	1	no	released in full

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4292	9/8/49	New York memo Spencer	1	no	released in full
4293	9/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4294	9/7/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4295	9/8/49	New York letter to Bureau	3	yes	
4296	9/8/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4297	9/7/49	St. Louis letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4298	9/2/49	Bureau letter to Albany	1	yes	
4299	9/8/49	New York memo	1	yes	
4300	9/9/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4301	9/7/49	Portland letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4302	9/9/49	New Haven letter to Bureau	3	yes	
4303	9/9/49	Memphis letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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4304	9/8/49	Baltimore report to Bureau	34	yes	
4305	9/9/49	New Haven report to Bureau	2	yes	
4306	9/9/49	Oklahoma City report to Bureau	4	yes	
4307	9/12/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4308	9/13/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4309	9/12/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4310	9/14/49	El Paso report to Bureau	2	yes	
4311	9/13/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
4312	9/13/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4313	9/14/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4314	9/11/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4315	9/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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4316	9/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4317	9/12/49	Savannah letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4318	9/12/49	Milwaukee letter to Philadelphia	1	no	released in full
4319	9/14/49	Bureau lab report to New Haven	2	yes	
4320	9/15/49	New York memo Tuohy	1	no	released in full
4321	9/14/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4322	9/14/49	Buffalo report to Bureau	3	yes	
4323	9/14/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
4324	9/14/49	Bureau teletype to San Diego	1	yes	
4325	9/16/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4326	9/16/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4327 4327	undated	New York memo Blount	1	no	released in full

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4328	9/19/49	New York memo Spencer	2	no	released in full
4329	9/16/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
4330	5/20/52	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4330A	9/8/49	New York memo A. D. Connelley	1	no	released in full
4331	9/15/49	New York letter to Bureau	7	yes	
4332	9/16/49	New York memo Gallant	10	no	released in full
4333	9/16/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4334	9/19/49	New York memo	1	yes	
4335	9/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4336	9/9/49	Little Rock letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4337	9/16/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4338	9/16/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	yes	

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4339	9/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4340	9/15/49	Charlotte report to Bureau	4	yes	
4341	9/16/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	4	yes	
4342	9/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4343	9/19/49	Seattle Teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4344	9/19/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4345	9/19/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4346	9/19/49	New York letter to Bureau	7	yes	
4347	9/19/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4348	9/19/49	Bureau teletype to Boston	1	yes	
4349	9/20/49	New York memo Gliniak	2	no	(see attached)
4350	9/16/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	yes	

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	4349	New York memo from SA Gliniak	2	2	Source symbol in paragraph 1 and 2 denied.	(b) (2)	

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.
AUGUST 18, 1949

TGS:RAA
65-14920

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC, RICHMOND (URGENT)

JAHAM. REURTEL AUGUST SEVENTEENTH. BULET JULY TWENTY FIRST AND NY TEL AUGUST SIXTEENTH BOTH REQUEST YOUR DIVISION TO INTERVIEW J. HUDSON HUFFARD AND HAROLD P. OGDEN. *P*URTEL AUGUST SEVENTEENTH DOES NOT INDICATE OGDEN WAS INTERVIEWED. ADVISE.

SCHEIDT

- ___ MR. SCHEIDT
- ___ MR. BELMONT
- ___ MR. WHELAN
- ___ MR. COLLIER
- ___ MR. GRANVILLE
- ___ MR. HILSBOS
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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 SAC, NEW YORK

8-18-49

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JAHAM. REURTEL TODAY. BOTH HUFFARD AND OGDEN ¹⁷INTEVXXX INTERVIEWED.
 REPORT BEING MAILED TONIGHT.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

August 22, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of July 25, 1949, to Baltimore (S.4112), copy of which was directed to New York. Attached to this letter was a news clipping from the "New Leader" which is concerned with a news story written by RALPH DE TOLEDANO.

It is possible that WALCOLM COWLEY, a defense witness in the first HISS trial, may again be a witness in the retrial of this case. It would appear desirable, therefore, that this office obtain a copy of Time Magazine which was published in 1942 and which contains a critical book review made by CHAMBERS of COWLEY'S book, "The Dry Season."

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

TGS:RAA
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Lead to
L. M. Spencer
in 8/23*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

August 22, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAFAM

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of August 9, 1949, to the San Diego Office, in connection with the JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN angle of this case, as well as to the suggestions made by Assistant Director E. J. Connelley in connection with official immunity to LOOMIS in the event he talks, and for using this as an inducement to make him cooperative in this matter.

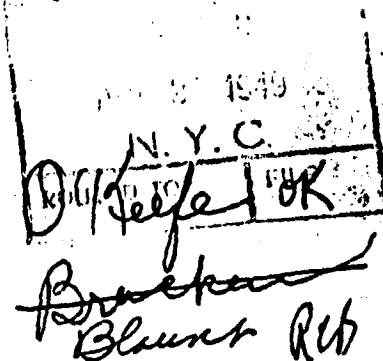
This afternoon the writer advised Mr. Murphy that the Bureau was desirous of finding out from him any comment he wished to make in connection with advising SHERMAN in an effort to make him talk, that the Statute of Limitations in connection with his espionage operations with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and others from 1934 to 1938 had run. Mr. MURPHY had advised that on a previous attempt to interview SHERMAN a year or so ago, SHERMAN had asked whether the agents had a warrant, and when SHERMAN was informed they had not, he closed the door and refused to talk to the agents. MURPHY advised that if SHERMAN did talk it probably would be very helpful to the case, and insofar as he, MURPHY, was concerned, the agents could so inform SHERMAN that as far as his espionage activities from 1934 to 1938 were concerned, the Statute of Limitations had run and he could not be prosecuted for these acts.

In connection with the suggestion that SHERMAN be brought before the Grand Jury in New York prior to the retrial of the HISS case, Mr. MURPHY stated that he would of course have to confer with SAAG T. J. Donegan in this connection, but that since Donegan is on vacation he saw no reason why SHERMAN could not be interrogated before the Grand Jury in the event he refused to talk to the agents when he is interviewed.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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65-14920



SAC, Charlotte

August 13, 1949

SAC, Savannah

JAHAM
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE
INTERNAL SECURITY-R

Re letter from Washington Field to Boston, dated 8/9/49.

One copy of reference letter being enclosed.

Investigation at Columbia, South Carolina, reflects that Colonel R. D. COLE, 812 Barnwell Street, is now deceased, and that Mrs. COLE is presently residing with her sister at 107 James Street, Greenville, South Carolina.

Mrs. MELISSA RIESS, aka Mrs. Melissa Heath, is not known to neighbors at the Columbia, South Carolina address. It is requested that the Charlotte Office interview Mrs. COLE to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mrs. RIESS, and set out leads to have her interviewed as requested in reference letter. SMC.

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AUG 23 1949

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SAC BOSTON

JAHAN. RECENTLY ADVISED BOSTON, LAST, BY AIRTEL AUGUST SEVENTEEN,
 LAST, IN CONNECTION WITH J. HUNCO HUFFART, JAMES H. HOTT, AND
 ERNEST SCHMIDT. BOSTON INSTRUCTED WFO TO INTERVIEW HOTT AND
 SCHMIDT. SCHMIDT WAS VACATIONING AT HOME OF MOTHER, MRS. J. D.
 SCHMIDT, BOX TWO THREE THREE, TALESTOCK, ONTARIO, CANADA, LOCATED
 EIGHTY MILES FROM TORONTO. FLY BACK PROBABLY FIRST WEEK IN
 SEPTEMBER. NO DIRECTORY OF TELEPHONE LISTINGS FOR HOTT AND NO
 DIRECTORY LISTING FOR ADDRESS ONE SEVEN THREE EIGHT N ST., NW, DC.
 BOSTON SHOULD ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER INFO FROM HUFFART IS
 TO BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE OR IF SCHMIDT AND HOTT CAN BE REMINDED OF
 THIS INCIDENT. BUREAU ADVISE BOSTON AS TO WHETHER WFO SHOULD
 INTERVIEW SCHMIDT OR IF BUREAU LIAISON WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEW.
 UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WFO WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEW UPON SCHMIDT'S
 RETURN TO WASHINGTON. IF BUREAU LIAISON INTERVIEWS, ATTEMPT
 TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT ADDRESS OF HOTT. HUFFART SHOULD BE ASKED
 PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HOTT.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York #7, New York

August 15, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM
LEE SWEETLAND
MISS LAWRENCE

At 2:00 PM on this date, a conference was held in the office of AUSA, THOMAS F. MURPHY, room 1404. Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY and SAS T. G. SPENCER and J. J. DANAHY also attended this meeting. At the conference, Mr. MURPHY stated that he had received some information on the HISS Case from an individual whose name he could not divulge.

According to MURPHY'S informant, ~~LEE SWEETLAND~~ who resides at 62 Euclid Avenue, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York, telephone number ~~Hastings 5-289~~, is a concert singer who was on tour during the progress of the recent HISS trial in the SDNY. During the progress of the trial, a woman who was also in ~~SWEETLAND'S~~ entourage, whose name at the present time is only known as LAWRENCE, told ~~SWEETLAND~~ that she was a first cousin of ALGER HISS; that she knew ALGER HISS was guilty of the charges and that as a matter of fact, ALGER HISS had induced her to join the Communist Party.

The LAWRENCE woman also told ~~SWEETLAND~~, according to the informant, that she was reluctant to come forward with this information because she feared that since ALGER HISS had so many friends, particularly in the Department of Justice, her information would come to the attention of ALGER HISS and she would be branded as an informer.

According to Mr. MURPHY'S informant, ~~SWEETLAND~~ apparently will be cooperative and would be quite likely to go along in any deal that we proposed in an effort to get this information first-hand from the LAWRENCE woman. Mr. MURPHY stated he had talked this matter over with his boss, Mr. MC GOHEY, and it was Mr. MC GOHEY'S opinion that this matter should be discussed with the FBI to attempt to determine just how the approach to ~~SWEETLAND~~ could be made. Mr. MURPHY indicated that any approach to ~~SWEETLAND~~ would in no way jeopardize his informant.

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After discussing the matter at some length, it was eventually proposed that the FBI would make a discreet preliminary check to determine the identity and pedigree of SWEETLAND and that probably after that, a direct approach to SWEETLAND would be made. However, before contacting SWEETLAND this office is to contact Mr. MURPHY to talk over with him any information we may uncover concerning the identity and background of SWEETLAND.

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During this discussion, Mr. MURPHY made reference to what he termed a somewhat laudatory letter he had received from DANIEL W. O'DONOGHUE, JR., who is a Washington lawyer and who has his office in the Union Trust Building, Washington 5, D.C. Mr. MURPHY stated that O'DONOGHUE was a classmate of his at Georgetown and is a well-known practicing attorney in Washington, representing, among others, the Riggs National Bank of that city.

Mr. MURPHY read a portion of O'DONOGHUE'S letter which stated in effect that several people in Georgetown know of the Leftish and Pinkish attitude of PRISCILLA HISS particularly in connection with her activities as a member of the Georgetown Citizens League.

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Mr. MURPHY was of the opinion that possibly Mr. O'DONOGHUE might be able to furnish the names of some individuals who would be willing to give some information concerning the above-mentioned Leftish and Pinkish attitude of PRISCILLA HISS when she was a member of this group.

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Mr. CONNELLEY has suggested that the JAHAM files be reviewed for any information that we have in connection with PRISCILLA HISS'S association with the Georgetown Citizens League and thereafter send the Washington Field Office an ~~com~~prehensive letter setting out whatever information we have suggesting that Mr. O'DONOGHUE be interviewed for the names of some people who may be able to relate some direct information concerning PRISCILLA HISS' Communist leanings.

THOMAS G. SPENCER
SA

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

August 16, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

LEE SWEETLAND

Resident Agent Herbert Grant telephonically advised the writer this afternoon of the results of the investigation he had made at Hastings-on-Hudson in connection with LEE SWEETLAND.

SWEETLAND is known at the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department as a singer who works in New York City; who is not active in community or civic affairs; and whom they regard as a quiet, respectable citizen.

At the Westchester County Credit Bureau at White Plains, New York, the records reveal that SWEETLAND has resided at 62 Euclid Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, since October, 1946, and that prior to this date he resided at 4427 Morella Avenue, North Hollywood, California. The Credit Bureau records indicate that since 1947 he has been employed by the American Broadcasting Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, and that his prior employment was with the National Broadcasting Company. There was also a reference that he was in the U. S. Navy during the last war; that he is married and his wife's name is SALLY.

WALTER WARREN of the Crown Finance Company, a personal friend of Agent Grant's, advised that SWEETLAND is known to him and that he regards him as a fine, upright person. WARREN has made several loans to SWEETLAND and considers him a good risk. According to WARREN'S records, his personal references were listed as DONALD NOVIS, who resides at Lancist and Bear Mountain Road, Peekskill, New York; DENNIS CARROLL, 439 West End Avenue, New York City; DR. CARL OMAN, 30 Euclid Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson; ROGER WHITE, 25 Forest Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson.

According to WARREN, SWEETLAND'S income approximates \$1,000 a month, which is obtained from free lance singing, as well as the salary he receives from the National Broadcasting Company. SWEETLAND owns his own home and has a mortgage with the Hastings Savings and Loan Company, Hastings-on-Hudson. He is the father of four children: JUDITH ANN, WALTER, STEPHEN, and LAWRENCE. He is 33 years of age.

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SWEETLAND drives a 1941 Cadillac sedan, and in connection with several loans he has made at the Crown Finance Company, also borrowed money from the County Trust Company and Personal Finance Company of White Plains, New York. His personal banking account is carried at the Dobbs Ferry National Bank, Dobbs Ferry, New York.

SWEETLAND'S parents were listed as Mr. and Mrs. L. E. SWEETLAND, 9615 - 50th Street, S. W., Seattle, Washington, and his wife's parents as Mr. and Mrs. J. E. COE, Box 212A, Corona, California.

SA Grant stated that he had ascertained the names of two old residents of Hastings-on-Hudson who live in the vicinity of SWEETLAND through the Police Department, but in view of the nature of the inquiry he did not contact these people.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent



**United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York**



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August 17, 1949

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

On August 15, 1949, in conference with Assistant United States Attorney MURPHY, SAs SPENCER, DANAHY, and myself, the following suggestions, were made by Assistant United States Attorney MURPHY as to further investigation as to ALGER HISS:

1. Mr. MURPHY advised that information had been received from a confidential informant, who could not be identified, to the effect that LEE SWEETLAND, 62 Euclid Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, telephone 5289, a concert singer, had stated during the trial of ALGER HISS in April he was on tour and one of the women on tour with him, last name LAWRENCE, who says she is a first cousin of ALGER HISS, supposedly advised SWEETLAND during April, 1949, that she knew ALGER HISS was guilty because he was the one who induced her to join the CP. This woman is supposed to have some fear as to giving this information to the Department of Justice as she knew that he, HISS, had so many friends there that she would be known to have given the information. However, she will cooperate if approached as to the matter through SWEETLAND and apparently SWEETLAND is willing to cooperate.

We cannot use the original informant, who must not be mentioned, but apparently no restriction has been placed on contact with SWEETLAND and through whom the LAWRENCE woman can be approached. It was indicated that it would be desirable to determine any information we might have as to SWEETLAND and it was suggested that thereafter we could discuss the information further with Mr. MURPHY as to who would approach SWEETLAND, that is, whether or not he would approach SWEETLAND, an agent would approach SWEETLAND, or if some outside party should approach SWEETLAND in this situation. It was suggested that possibly the best approach would be directly by an agent to SWEETLAND if there was nothing against him in our files or anything which we might learn. It is believed that approach to SWEETLAND should be had in such manner we can press him for the information upon contact rather than allow him to consult with some third party as to whether or not he will advise us fully.

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2. Mr. MURPHY advised that he was in receipt of a letter from DANIEL W. O'DONOGHUE, JR., Union Trust Building, Washington, D.C., a prominent attorney there who has contacts and handles the affairs for such as the Riggs National Bank etc., in which O'DONOGHUE commended Mr. MURPHY for his excellent work in connection with the trial of ALGER HISS. Mr. O'DONOGHUE indicated that Mrs. HISS was reputedly connected with certain leftist groups at Georgetown, possibly the Citizens Group or similar designation. His idea was that possibly inquiry would determine her activities in this connection when and if she is again called as a witness in this case.

In this connection reference should be had to the file as to any mention made of Mrs. HISS being connected with the League of Women Shoppers, a Communist front organization reputedly dominated by the Communist Party, as this might be the organization to which reference is had, although, when requesting investigation, the Washington Field Office should cover any and all possibilities in this particular matter and possibly an interview with Mr. O'DONOGHUE would give them more direct leads as to the foundation for his references.

3. As to the taking of specimens from the HISS Woodstock typewriter now impounded by the Court, Mr. MURPHY approached Judge KAUFFMAN, who was leaving, and he suggested that Mr. MURPHY see Judge CLANCEY, who would be back the coming week. The possibility of taking specimens and the necessity for taking such specimens will be further considered.
4. Mr. MURPHY indicated that there was some reference by Mr. JOSEPH KENNY, the son-in-law of Judge HULBERT, that one SEWELL, supposedly connected with some Senator from the State of Maine, had some information as to which further details will be available later.


E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

August 23, 1949

-MR. SCHEIDT
-MR. BELMONT
-MR. WHELAN
-MR. COLLIER
-MR. GRANVILLE
-MR. HENRICH
-MR. LADD
-MR. NICHOLS
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RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of August 23, Mr. D. M. Ladd of the Bureau called relative to our teletype reflecting AUSA Murphy's desire to interview former Secretary of State JAMES BYRNES and to have an agent thoroughly familiar with the case from New York accompany him on the interview. Mr. Ladd advised that the Bureau feels that this is an unusual and unnecessary procedure; that the Bureau would be glad to conduct the interview with its agents or, in the event Mr. Murphy does not feel this is desirable, the Bureau, of course, has no objection to Mr. Murphy conducting the interview himself. Mr. Murphy should therefore be advised that we feel that either agents should conduct the interview in the usual manner or if this is not satisfactory to Mr. Murphy, he may desire to conduct the interview himself without the presence of agents. In the event Mr. Murphy is insistent that an agent accompany him, the matter will again be presented to the Bureau.

The above information was furnished to SA Tom McAndrews.

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Re: JAHAM

Reference is made to the writer's memoranda of August 15, and August 16, 1949, in connection with LEE SWEETLAND.

On August 22, 1949, SWEETLAND was interviewed by SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE and the writer at the apartment of a friend of SWEETLAND located at 310 East 44th Street, New York City, apartment 418 South (Beaux Arts Apartments). SWEETLAND stated that he did not know anyone by the name of LAWRENCE who might have played with him in any entertainment affair. SWEETLAND advised that during the last two weeks of June, 1949, he filled a singing engagement at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, Canada. Also appearing at this hotel was a dancer named BETTY LOU HOLLAND, a young girl of twenty-three years of age who SWEETLAND had known for some time. SWEETLAND remarked that BETTY LOU was a dancer of some repute and had appeared in such successes as CALL ME MISTER, GOODBYE MY FANCY, and ANNIE GET YOUR GUN.

SWEETLAND stated that he was very friendly with BETTY LOU, took her out to dinner several times and to a few shows. He stated, however, that BETTY LOU was a very intelligent and straightforward person and of good moral character. He related that one day during this engagement he was having luncheon with BETTY LOU at a restaurant in Toronto and happened to be reading an account of the ALGER HISS trial in New York City. He referred to the article and asked BETTY LOU if she thought ALGER HISS was guilty. He stated that his best recollection of her answer was that she merely shrugged her shoulders and said, "I don't know". Thereafter, BETTY LOU remarked to SWEETLAND that she was a cousin of ALGER HISS but had not seen him since she was a child. She informed SWEETLAND that she had had a very high regard for ALGER HISS because even when she was small, she knew ALGER to be a very smart and upstanding young man.

SWEETLAND stated that he was positive that BETTY LOU did not tell him that ALGER HISS persuaded her to join the Communist Party; that she made any mention of the fact that ALGER HISS had prominent friends particularly in the Justice Department and that nothing was said as to the fact that she was hesitant about coming forth with this information in view of the fact that through HISS' friends she might be branded an informer.

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cc Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY

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SWEETLAND appears to know very little of her background but did state that it was his impression she was born in New York City; that her family are substantial people, and that both her mother and father are presently in Europe on a vacation. He did state that during their conversation in Toronto, she remarked that she had been mildly interested in the Progressive Party, thought that HENRY WALLACE was a very intelligent and capable person and, as a matter of fact, had received a great deal of Progressive Party literature and had, on one occasion, gone to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City where she heard HENRY WALLACE speak. She informed SWEETLAND that during this rally she heard other people speak and was fully convinced that the Communists dominated the Progressive Party and at that time ceased to have any inclinations toward HENRY WALLACE and the Progressive Party.

She also remarked to SWEETLAND that in view of the stand she took at one time in connection with the Progressive Party, most of her friends had believed her to be a Communist. SWEETLAND stated that BETTY LOU vehemently denied that she was a Communist or ever had been or that she had any leanings along this line. SWEETLAND obtained the address of BETTY LOU through the Manhattan telephone book and her address is 952 Fifth Avenue, New York City, telephone RE 7-5725.

The New York indices were negative as to BETTY LOU HOLLAND.

On this same date Agent SPILLANE and the writer made inquiry at the apartment building at 952 Fifth Avenue and ascertained through JOHN KINNERD, the doorman, (telephone number TA9-7266 and BU 8-9581) that Miss HOLLAND was acting in some sort of play or was on vacation in Canada. KINNERD stated that Miss HOLLAND did not leave any forwarding address and stated that he received this information from BETTY LOU'S maid who comes to the apartment about once a week, cleans, picks up any mail and apparently forwards it to Miss HOLLAND.

Arrangements have been made whereby KINNERD will telephonically communicate with this office when the maid next comes to the HOLLAND apartment so that this maid can be interviewed, Miss HOLLAND'S present address obtained and also the time she is expected to return to New York so that she can be interviewed as soon as possible in order to get her story of the conversations with LEE SWEETLAND. Bureau advised



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New York, New York.
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MEMO.

Re: JAHAM;
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The following is a review of the testimony which was given by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, DR. MEYER SCHAPIRO, EDWARD TOULOUKIAN and FLORENCE TOMPKINS concerning the purchase and delivery of the rug given by CHAMBERS to ALGER HISS:

ALLEGATIONS AND TESTIMONY OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS:

In a signed statement given on December 8, 1948 at New York City CHAMBERS stated that probably around the end of 1936 Colonel BYKOV in one of his conversations with him suggested that it might be a good idea to give ALGER HISS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and A. GEORGE SILVERMAN a gift of some kind. After some discussion, BYKOV thought it might be advisable to present each of them with an expensive rug. As a result, CHAMBERS had inquiries made of an Armenian rug dealer in New York City and arranged for the purchase of three Oriental rugs. He added that to the best of his recollection these rugs cost about \$200 each. BYKOV furnished him with the money to make these purchases and these rugs were sent by the rug dealer via American Railway Express to the home of A. GEORGE SILVERMAN in Washington, D. C.

CHAMBERS went on to state that before delivering these rugs he informed HISS, WHITE and SILVERMAN that they were going to be presented with gifts as a token of gratitude for the activities of the American Communists. According to CHAMBERS, WHITE and SILVERMAN were quite pleased with the gift; however, HISS was more polite than pleased when he received this gift. According to his recollection of the delivery of the rugs, SILVERMAN, because of his close association with HARRY WHITE, made the delivery of WHITE'S rug.

Concerning the delivery of the rug for ALGER HISS, CHAMBERS recalled that one evening by prearrangement SILVERMAN put the rug in his car, drove it to a predesignated point, a restaurant on Route 1 about three or

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four miles east of College Park, Maryland. CHAMBERS accompanied HISS in the latter's car to this point and upon arrival there got out of HISS' car, got the rug from SILVERMAN'S car, and carried it back to HISS' automobile.

In New York CHAMBERS testified that four rugs were purchased on the instructions of BYKOV the purchase being made by MEYER SCHAPIRO. These rugs were sent to Silverman in Washington, D. C. around New Year's of 1937. He further testified that he saw the rugs in the HISS home at 30th Street and that it was kept tied up in a large closet at the front of the basement. He described it as a bright red rug with an Oriental pattern. He further testified at the trial that in a conversation before presenting the rug to HISS he stated that the rug was a present from the Soviet people in gratitude for the work of the American Communists.

TESTIMONY OF ALGER HISS:

On direct-examination HISS testified that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS gave him a rug which he still has in his possession sometime while he was living on P. Street, Washington, D. C. HISS stated that it was brought to his home by CHAMBERS one evening sometime in the late spring. (This would be 1936.) At that time HISS accepted it for what he believed was partial payment for the rent that was owed to him by CHAMBERS. He described it as bright red, approximately nine by twelve. He further explained that CHAMBERS, known to him as CROSLY, told him at the time that a "wealthy patron had given it to him and he was making a gift of it to me (HISS)".

On cross-examination he testified that CHAMBERS came to his home on P. Street in the spring of 1936 and gave him the rug in the presence of PRISCILLA HISS. He did not at that time ask specifically why he was receiving it but inferred that it was for partial payment on money owed to him. Upon further questioning HISS added that he could recall no other reason for its being given to him although at no time did he ask CHAMBERS specifically why it was being presented to him.

TESTIMONY OF PRISCILLA HISS:

PRISCILLA HISS' testimony concerning the rugs was limited to her testimony in the cross-examination. She stated that CROSLY brought a rug to their home some months before they moved away from 2905 P. Street. (This would mean 1936.) No further questioning was pursued in this line by the prosecution.

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TESTIMONY OF DR. SCHAPIRO AND EDWARD TOULOUKIAN

Both SCHAPIRO and TOULOUKIAN testified that the rugs were purchased on December 23, 1936 and that these same rugs were delivered to SCHAPIRO'S residence at 279 West 4th Street, New York City, on December 29, 1936. However, neither SCHAPIRO nor TOULOUKIAN can testify that the rug, which is presently in the possession of ALGER HISS and referred to by him in his testimony, was part of the above-mentioned purchase and shipment.

Efforts to trace the shipment of the rugs from SCHAPIRO'S residence in New York City to A. GEORGE SILVERMAN in Washington, D. C. by the American Express Company have resulted negatively inasmuch as all tangible evidence of any such shipment made during that period has been destroyed.

TESTIMONY OF FLORENCE TOMPKINS, NEGRO MAID
EMPLOYED BY ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN FROM
SEPTEMBER 1935 to MAY 1945:

In a signed statement contained in the report of SA CARL N. DE TEMPLE, dated March 14, 1949 at Washington, D. C., TOMPKINS stated that she was employed by the SILVERMANS as a maid from about September 1935 to about May 1945 and during the fall or winter of the year following her employment (1936) she recalled that there were three large Oriental rugs, approximately nine by twelve, delivered to the SILVERMAN apartment at 2138 California Street and placed in the hallway. She remembered that the SILVERMANS discussed these rugs and SILVERMAN indicated that they were shipped from New York and that one of them was for him. She further learned that another of these rugs was to be delivered to HARRY DEXTER WHITE and that the third rug was to be delivered to ALGER HISS. She further added at this time that she did not know whether or not HISS actually received one of the rugs as she had never been in his home. However, she added that she had been in the WHITE residence and actually observed one of the rugs in his home.

It is felt that consideration should be given to interviewing FLORENCE TOMPKINS in an effort to determine more clearly her recollection concerning the delivery of the rugs to the SILVERMAN residence and of their final disposition. In the event that she is reinterviewed particular care should be taken to determine the exact amount of rugs received by her employer. In her statement she mentions that three rugs were received whereas Dr. SCHAPIRO admits purchasing four. However, it will be recalled that in CHAMBERS' original statement given in December of 1948 he himself mentioned only three rugs whereas in his testimony given at the trial in New York he stated that there were four rugs actually purchased under instructions of.

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Colonel BYKOV, Moreover, particular emphasis should be placed on her statement that she overheard SILVERMAN mention that HISS was to be a recipient of one of these rugs.

In the event that TOMPKINS will be considered as a possible witness, it should be borne in mind that the criminal records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., indicate that a FLORENCE BANKS, who appears to be identical with FLORENCE TOMPKINS, was arrested on May 18, 1929, for fornication and forfeited \$10 bond.

LAWRENCE H. BRACKEN
SA

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

August 29, 1949

.....	MR. SCHEIDT
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MEMO

RE: JAHAM

At 9:25 am on August 29, I called Assistant to the Director D. M. Ladd to advise him that we had received a letter from United States Attorney J. F. X. McGohey, dated August 25, which came to us the evening of August 26. In this letter, Mr. McGohey reiterates his request that a Special Agent of this office accompany AUSA Tom Murphy to South Carolina to interview former Secretary of State James Byrnes. I advised Mr. Ladd that the letter requested SA Thomas G. Spencer accompany Mr. Murphy because "he is most familiar with all the facts in this case and his presence and knowledge would be of inestimable value to Mr. Murphy and, I am sure, to Judge Byrnes". Mr. Ladd was advised that Mr. Murphy has a tentative appointment with Mr. Byrnes for Tuesday, August 30. Therefore, we will have to know today. I advised that we had not sought to send an agent on this trip; in fact, in accordance with the Bureau's instructions, we made a definite attempt to have Murphy either conduct the interview alone or have agents conduct it without Murphy.

I advised Mr. Ladd that there was a question here as to whether Mr. Byrnes would be a good witness for the government or not; that is, while he is very favorably disposed, there is some question as to whether his testimony would help or hurt the government's case. For example, on cross-examination, he would have to testify that he gave HISS a very favorable letter when HISS left the State Department. I advised Mr. Ladd that the decision as to whether Mr. Byrnes is to be a witness is, of course, with the United States Attorney and, in view of the fact that this is a case for retrial, I thought it would be best to go along with Mr. McGohey's request and send Agent Spencer down with Mr. Murphy. Mr. Ladd advised he would let me know what the Bureau decided on this.

A. H. BELMONT
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Mr. Ladd advised
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Reurlet dated August 18, 1949.

Mrs. MARY OLIPHANT, 107 James Street, Greenville, South Carolina, advised that her sister, Mrs. R. B. COLE, was too ill to be interviewed, but Mrs. OLIPHANT obtained from Mrs. COLE the following information concerning Mrs. MELISSA RIESS:

MELISSA RIESS resided with Mrs. COLE a number of years ago in Columbia, South Carolina, but Mrs. COLE has not seen her in many years. It is Mrs. COLE's understanding that Mrs. RIESS has a brother, WILLIAM HEATH, who resides in Charleston, South Carolina, and who it is believed will know Mrs. RIESS' present address. In the event WILLIAM HEATH cannot be located or does not know Mrs. RIESS' address, Mrs. COLE advised that Mrs. RIESS is related to the AUSTELL family in Atlanta, Georgia.

She stated that Mr. ALFRED AUSTELL was a number of years ago president of the First National Bank in Atlanta, and that the AUSTELL family is prominent in banking circles. She stated that some member of the AUSTELL family would in all probability know the whereabouts of Mrs. RIESS.

Savannah is requested to contact WILLIAM HEATH, Charleston, South Carolina, to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mrs. RIESS.

There is being returned herewith the copy of a letter from Washington Field to Boston dated August 9, 1949, which was forwarded to this office with your letter of August 18, 1949. RUC.

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JAHAM

Re: POlet 8/23/49.

Through Mr. J. H. SODER, Philadelphia Regional VA office, 5000 Ches-
hickon Avenue, it was determined that no record could be located rela-
tive to JOSE SANTEZO, VA C number XC456963. Mr. SODER stated that if
such a record were available in this region, it would be maintained in
his office.

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MEMO:

Re: JAHAM
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference memorandum of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY,
dated July 26, 1949.

With regard to the obtaining of typewritten specimens of the
Woodstock typewriter that has been impounded by the Federal District Court
of the Southern District of New York, the following conversation took place
between the writer and Assistant United States Attorney MURPHY:

Mr. MURPHY pointed out that it was his desire that a specimen
of this typewriter be taken by an agent of the FBI in the presence of the
Clerk of the Court and it was further desired that this specimen should be
taken without any notice to the defense. Mr. MURPHY pointed out that it
was his feeling that another crime may have been committed in this matter,
in that there may have been tampering with evidence in the ALGER HISS case.
Mr. MURPHY stated that it was his duty to cause an investigation to be con-
ducted to ascertain if such tampering had taken place with regard to this
typewriter.

Mr. MURPHY advised that the Clerk of the Court had consulted with
Judge KAUFMAN with regard to taking the specimens of this typewriter and that
Judge KAUFMAN had advised that he no longer had any connection with the
ALGER HISS case, and that for this reason he would give no ruling as to
whether or not a typewritten specimen could be taken by the government at
this time. Mr. MURPHY then contacted Judge BONDY of the Southern District
of New York, who was at that time Acting Senior Judge of the Southern
District of New York. Judge BONDY advised Mr. MURPHY that he believed that
a complicated question was involved here and that since he was going to be
unavailable during August, he did not wish to decide this question at this
time. Mr. MURPHY then consulted with Judge HULBERT of the Southern District

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of New York and Judge HULBERT advised Mr. MURPHY that he believed these specimens should be taken on notice. Mr. MURPHY advised the writer that he did not feel that it would be necessary to give notice prior to taking specimens from this typewriter, and he stated that he intended to discuss this matter with Mr. J. F. X. McGOHEY, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, before proceeding further in this matter.

As it had been earlier discussed at a conference with agents of this office and Mr. MURPHY, it was pointed out that the typewriter itself had never been positively identified in the course of the recent trial, and therefore the taking of specimens from this typewriter may very well be of benefit to the defense in that we would then in all probability have identified the typewriter for them. Mr. MURPHY advised that he had this in mind, and for this reason he was opposed to taking specimens of this typewriter on notice. He further stated that since he felt there may very well be a question here of a crime having been committed in that there may have been tampering with Government evidence; that therefore he felt the Government should have every right to take specimens of this typewriter without notice, and that there would be no obligation on the Government to advise the defense that specimens of this typewriter had been taken or that an examination of these specimens had been made by the FBI Laboratory.

Mr. MURPHY further advised that he would keep this office informed as to any further action that he may take with regard to obtaining the said specimens.

DONALD E. SHANNON, SA

SAC, Milwaukee

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SAC, Philadelphia

JAHAM

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of SA LAMBERT G. ZANDER, WFO, dated 8/25/49. This report requests investigation at Philadelphia re OTHEL V. TALLEY.

Mr. F. R. FREYLER, Allis-Chalmers resident manager at Philadelphia, has advised that there are no records at Philadelphia which will show the date on which TALLEY arrived on duty at this office. He said that such a record would be maintained at the home office in Milwaukee and would be available through Mr. J. L. SINGLETON, Vice-President, Sales Division.

The Milwaukee Division should contact Mr. SINGLETON relative to the investigation indicated in the enclosed reference report.

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cc: New York
Washington Field

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

BETTY LOU HOLLAND

Reference is made to the writer's memorandum of August 24, 1949, in connection with information supplied by LEE SWEETLAND indicating that ALGER HISS had recruited Miss HOLLAND into the Communist Party.

On this date Special Agent Lawrence W. Spillane and the writer interviewed Miss HOLLAND at her residence, Apartment 4A, 952 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Miss HOLLAND is a dancer and actress by profession, and advised that she had just returned from a several weeks' engagement in a Summer stock company operated in Massachusetts, and is presently unemployed.

Miss HOLLAND was born in New York City and is 23 years of age. Her mother, whose maiden name is ELEANOR BOSLEY, was born in Richmond, Virginia, and presently resides at 1150 Park Avenue, New York City. In connection with the allegations allegedly made to an undisclosed informant by LEE SWEETLAND, Miss HOLLAND related that during the last two weeks in June, 1949, she was employed as an entertainer in the night club attached to the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. The entertainment at this night club consisted of two acts, one in which LEE SWEETLAND sang several solo numbers, and the other in which she did a song and dance routine. She related that she met SWEETLAND for the first time during this engagement, and recalls having gone out to eat with him on several occasions during this period. It might be noted that when SWEETLAND was interviewed he intimated that he had known BETTY LOU in New York City prior to the time he was playing in this night club in Toronto.

Miss HOLLAND was asked whether during any conversations with Mr. SWEETLAND she made any remarks in connection with the ALGER HISS trial that was then being held in New York City. She related that she had some vague recollection of making some comments to SWEETLAND about the trial, but is not quite sure just what she said. She did relate, however, that she was a third or fourth cousin of ALGER HISS, and in all probability told SWEETLAND this during their conversation. She emphatically denied that she had ever told LEE SWEETLAND or anyone else that ALGER HISS had recruited her to join the Communist Party. She also denied that she was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party.

In connection with ALGER HISS, Miss HOLLAND stated that although she heard of ALGER HISS, she has never met him. In connection with her relationship

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to ALGER HISS, she stated that her mother was born in Richmond, Virginia, but was actually raised by an Aunt Jennie, last name unknown, in Baltimore. She further related that she knew her mother was a cousin of the HISS family, but was uncertain as to whether her mother was a second or third cousin, and whatever relationship her mother had to ALGER HISS would of course determine her own relationship to the HISS family. She stated that ALGER HISS is about the same age as her mother, and that she has heard her mother comment that as a child she her mother, was friendly with the ALGER HISS family in Baltimore. She was of the opinion from the conversation of her mother that the latter has not visited the HISS family since she moved to New York many years ago. She also stated that she has no recollection of telling anyone other than SWEETLAND that she was a relative of ALGER HISS, nor can she recall commenting to anyone on whether or not HISS was guilty of the crime charged.

It will be recalled in SWEETLAND'S interview he indicated that BETTY LOU was interested in the Progressive Party and in WALLACE'S campaign for President. When questioned concerning her political affiliations along this line, she related that she joined the Progressive Citizens of America a few years ago and received a great deal of literature as a result of joining this organization. She said that she also attended several meetings and rallies put on by the PCA, but that about a year or a year and a half ago she came to the definite conclusion that the Communists were not only infiltrating the PCA, but were dominating it, and for that reason she decided to resign from this organization. She volunteered that, "Although I was a great admirer of Wallace and the Progressive Party, I didn't vote for him."

Miss HOLLAND was questioned concerning her knowledge of the names of any of ALGER HISS' relatives that she might know of, and she stated that since she had never met ALGER HISS, had always lived in New York, and was not personally familiar with the HISS family, she could not at this time recall the names of persons who might be closely or remotely related to the ALGER HISS family.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

September 8, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

On September 7, 1949, AUSA Murphy advised the writer that he definitely plans to use WILLIAM ROSEN as a Government witness in the retrial of the HISS case. He also related that he does not anticipate having an adverse ruling by the Judge in connection with ROSEN'S appearance as a witness, as happened when Judge Kaufman heard the case.

He was desirous of knowing if we knew the present whereabouts of WILLIAM ROSEN, and he was informed that his exact address was not known at this time. He suggested that we make an immediate effort to locate ROSEN, and stated that after he was located he would immediately issue a subpoena calling for his appearance in the retrial of the HISS case.

It will be recalled that during the last trial of the HISS case considerable effort was exerted by the Los Angeles Office, as well as this office, to locate ROSEN without success. It is therefore suggested that a review of the information in our files on ROSEN be correlated, and request be made of the various offices where ROSEN is known to have resided, to attempt to locate this individual.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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New York, N. Y.

September 8, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

On September 7, 1949, AUSA Murphy confidentially advised the writer that BRUNO SCHACHNER, an Assistant in the Southern District of New York, had been served with a Statement of Charges in connection with the Loyalty investigation conducted by this Bureau. He stated that while he did not think any of the agents of this office had conferred with SCHACHNER in connection with the HISS investigation, he just wanted to point out the fact that SCHACHNER was the recipient of a Statement of Charges, and that if it was necessary for any agent of this office to talk to SCHACHNER, no discussion of the ALGER HISS case should be engaged in.

SCHACHNER'S Loyalty file should be carefully reviewed for any information of value that may be reflected in connection with ALGER HISS as according to Murphy some of the charges against SCHACHNER'S loyalty are concerned with his association with LEE PRESSMAN, JOHN ABT, ALGER HISS, and others.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

September 8, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

On September 7, 1949, the writer had a conference with AUSA T. F. Murphy in connection with instant investigation.

Mr. Murphy suggested that an interview with JAMES B. DONOVAN, an attorney at 60 John Street, HA 2-1900, might be productive. Murphy advised that he knows DONOVAN personally; that DONOVAN is a graduate of Fordham College and Harvard Law School; that during the war he was First Assistant to General DONOVAN (no relation); and during the war spent a great deal of time at General Headquarters of the Army at London. He also related that DONOVAN was responsible for the organizational setup in connection with the Nuremberg trials. Murphy related that DONOVAN is conversant with Communist activities and felt that through his connection with persons in high Government and military circles he might be able to furnish some information which would turn out to be good leads in this case.

Murphy also advised that DONOVAN is a brother of JOHN DONOVAN who is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. He suggested that DONOVAN be interviewed in an attempt to ascertain any information he might know about ALGER HISS.

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Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

September 8, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAW

On September 7, 1949, during a conference with AUSA Murphy, he mentioned that he had received a telephone call from VICTOR LASKY, a staff writer of the World-Telegram.

LASKY indicated to Murphy that in the articles written by HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH in the New York Post and Home News there appeared to be some information that was not consistent with the testimony of WADLEIGH during the HISS trial. He suggested that these news stories be carefully reviewed and compared with WADLEIGH'S testimony at the trial, and also his statements to Bureau agents, to determine whether or not there appear to be any inconsistencies in these press releases.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

September 8, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

On September 7, 1949, while talking to AUSA Murphy, he advised that a friend of his had informed him that on the evening of September 6, 1949, this friend had been listening to a news broadcast over Station WNBC from 6:45 to 7:00. Mr. Murphy's friend did not recall the name of the person giving the news broadcast, nor did he recall anything that might further identify this particular broadcast other than it followed somewhat the line of DREW PEARSON'S Sunday evening broadcast in that one portion of the broadcast is entitled "Predictions" and another portion entitled "Secrets."

Mr. Murphy's friend advised that under the heading of "Secrets" the announcer had related that the ALGER HISS defense fund had been contributed to by high officials in the State Department as well as the law firm formerly headed by Secretary of State Dean Acheson. It was suggested that possibly some of the agents might have heard the broadcast and could furnish more detailed information concerning the ALGER HISS defense fund.

T. G. SPENCER,
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Re Philadelphia letter to Milwaukee, copies to New York and Washington Field, dated September 2, 1949.

The lead set out in reference letter has been previously covered by letter from this office to Washington Field dated September 2, 1949, of which St. Louis received copies. RM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

September 15, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

The retrial of ALGER HISS has been set for October 10, 1949. In order that the U. S. Attorney might have the benefit of newly developed information, it is imperative that all research and investigative action be completed and set out in report form by September 23, 1949.

If any difficulty is encountered which would prevent compliance with the foregoing instructions, it should be made known immediately to the undersigned.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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cc - R. C. Blount
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Reference is made to San Francisco letter
to the Bureau dated 8-15-49, serial 4200 of
instant file.

Referenced letter requested the New York
Office to check their files for any information
concerning one NADEZHNIKOV who might
possibly be identical with BORIS BYKOV ^{Tr}

The files of the New York Office contain
no reference to the name NADEZHNIKOV.

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Robert E. BLOUNT
SPECIAL AGENT.

New York 7, New York

September 15, 1949

MEMO

Re: JAHAM

On September 15th NELSON FRANK, who writes a labor column for the "World Telegram," telephonically communicated with the writer. FRANK stated that a couple of days ago he had been talking with JACK ALTMAN, who is the Area Director of the CIO Retail and Department Stores Union with offices at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City. FRANK related that during this conversation they talked about members of the Socialist Party and the fact that ALTMAN knew that the FBI had been to the office of JACK CLASSEN to get the membership card of PRISCILLA HISS in connection with the latter's membership in the Morningside Heights Branch of the Socialist Party. According to FRANK, ALTMAN, who is now anti-Communist, had personal knowledge that PRISCILLA HISS as well as other individuals were actual members of the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party. FRANK also stated that at the time PRISCILLA HISS was a member of the Party there was in the Socialist Party at that time a group known as the R.P.C. (Revolutionary Policy Committee) and that PRISCILLA HISS was a member of this particular group. FRANK stated that this group was comprised of members of the various branches of the Socialist Party that were interested in going over to the Communist Party.

According to FRANK, Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS, who is well known to this office, was also a member of the Socialist Party and the R.P.C. and in all probability knew that PRISCILLA HISS was a member of both the Socialist Party and the R.P.C. FRANK related that another individual who in all probability knew that PRISCILLA HISS was a member of the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party was IRVING BROWN, who was an A.F. of L. representative in Europe. FRANK declared, however, that he did not think that BROWN would testify even if he actually knew that PRISCILLA HISS was a member of the Socialist Party, in view of the fact that it would be necessary for him to come back from Europe to so testify. It is suggested that JACK ALTMAN be interviewed in connection with his alleged knowledge of the membership of PRISCILLA HISS in the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party.

In view of MATTHEW'S association with the Hearst interests, it is not believed desirable that he be interviewed unless ALTMAN can specifically and definitely state that MATTHEWS could testify to the fact that PRISCILLA

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HISS^o was actually a member of the Socialist Party.

The matter of attempting to interview IRVING BROWN^o as a possible witness in this case should be taken up with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Donagan.

THOMAS G. SPENCER
Special Agent

May 20, 1952

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It is noted that serial 4330- of 65-14920 cannot be located as of this date. An old chargeout revealed that it was charged to S. A. Spencer since January 5, 1949. A check was made with S. A. Spencer and he advised that same was returned to file room.

The chargeout described the serial as being a newspaper clipping from the Journal American (West. Pegler re Binger.) See serial 4330A of 65-14920.

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FILE SUPERVISOR

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Carol Weiss King, during trial
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he may be source of funds
for Hiss from Hotshell
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on Weiss and make lead
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Re: JAHAM
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Re: ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Reference is made to the memorandum of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER dated July 21, 1949, setting forth suggestions for further investigation of instant case for possible use in the retrial of the HISS case.

In the case entitled: "GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R," ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a former member of the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C. and New York City in the late 1930's and early 1940's, alleged that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was a member of this Communist underground conspiracy. In short, BENTLEY advised that SILVERMAN, while employed as a civilian in the United States Air Force assigned to the Pentagon Building, regularly brought documents obtained in the course of his duties in the Air Corps concerning Air Corps business, to the home of GREGORY SILVERMASTER, where they were photographed and photographs turned over to BENTLEY, who passed them on to a superior, JACOB GOLOS, a known Russian agent.

Closely associated with SILVERMAN in this activity were the following individuals, as alleged by BENTLEY:

HARRY DEXTER WHITE
LAUCHLIN CURRY
IRVING KAPLAN
LUDWIG ULLMANN.

Considering the allegations made by BENTLEY, SILVERMAN was interviewed on April 15, 1947 in his office at the Orbach Department Store, New York City.

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In the course of this interview, SILVERMAN set out his background, and was questioned extensively concerning his Government employment in Washington, D.C. SILVERMAN denied that he had ever been solicited by any individual to turn over secret, restricted, or confidential Government documents during the course of his employment in the Air Corps. SILVERMAN in fact emphasized that he had been very security conscious during the period of 1940 through 1945, when he left the Government service. He stated that he had never taken Government documents from his office to his home at any time.

SILVERMAN advised of his relationship with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and denied any knowledge that the latter was engaged in obtaining information for the Communist Party or any foreign Government. He described SILVERMASTER as progressive minded, but did not know whether or not he was a Communist or sympathetic with them.

SILVERMAN denied that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party or had ever been solicited for membership in the Communist Party. He disclaimed any knowledge of Communist Party activities in the District of Columbia. SILVERMAN stated that he became acquainted with LUDWIG ULLMANN while both were employed in the United States Treasury Department, Division of Monetary Research under HARRY DEXTER WHITE, who was described as SILVERMAN'S closest personal friend. SILVERMAN claimed that he saw little of ULLMANN until he commenced his duties at the Air Force. He also denied any knowledge of espionage activities on the part of ULLMANN and illegally securing and transmitting information to unauthorized persons. SILVERMAN has stated that he has seen ULLMANN on various visits to the SILVERMASTER residence. He was aware of the fact that ULLMANN was interested in photography; however, he did not know of the presence of photographic equipment in the basement of the SILVERMASTER home.

SILVERMAN described his duties in the Air Force as being in the Research and Statistical Field in handling of logistical problems with respect to the development of the B-29 program.

SILVERMAN denied the allegations that he supplied information to SILVERMASTERS concerning any aspects of the B-29 program or any other information obtained in the course of his employment at the Air Corps.

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SILVERMAN admitted a close personal relationship with IRVING KAPLAN of the War Production Board with whom he had discussed on occasions various phases of the Government's war time activity. He denied ever transmitting information given to him by KAPLAN to the SILVERMASTERS.

SILVERMAN also stated that he was acquainted with SOL ADLER and FRANK COE, having met the latter through his brother, who was at Brown University with SILVERMAN. This brother is believed to be identical with CHARLES COE, an alleged Communist Party member.

SILVERMAN, in the course of the interview, described himself as a middle-of-the-road follower and insisted any admiration he had for Russia is outweighed by his loyalty to United States. He declined to give a signed statement.

On September 11, 1947, SILVERMAN testified before a Special Grand Jury sitting in the Southern District of New York. At that time, he testified as to his education, background, and employment with the Federal Government. He related in detail his duties with the Air Corps as Civilian Chief of the Analysis and Reports Branch of the Material and Service Section. He related substantially the same information as obtained in the course of his interview with agents. He related his association with SILVERMASTER and how their relationship was founded on a common interest in unemployment insurance and labor problems.

SILVERMAN admitted that he was a long-standing friend of HARRY DEXTER WHITE and also of DAVID WEINTRAUB. He had lived with WEINTRAUB in New York City in late 1946 or early 1947, when he had taken a position in New York and was attempting to locate a place to live. He admitted that WEINTRAUB had introduced him to a Russian in 1945 who was believed to be in charge of a section in UNRRA and who wanted SILVERMAN to take a position with UNRRA.

SILVERMAN stated that he had considerable to do with ULLMANN being assigned to the Air Corps since he believed ULLMANN to be a very good statistician, and on learning that ULLMANN was attending OCS, attempted to get him assigned to the Air Corps. SILVERMAN has denied any undue influence on the

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part of SILVERMASTER, with whom ULLMANN resided, to place ULLMANN in the Air Corps. It will be noted here that SILVERMAN, at the time he was interviewed by agents, did not mention the fact that he had assisted ULLMANN in being assigned to the Air Corps.

SILVERMAN also testified that he was acquainted with IRVING KAPLAN and that they were close friends. He stated that he had discussed with KAPLAN his interview by the FBI since KAPLAN also had been interviewed. However, he denied that this discussion went into great detail. He also denied that he had ever discussed with KAPLAN classified Government information pertaining to his position. He also testified to his acquaintanceship and friendship with FRANK COE, SOL ADLER, LAUCHLIN CURRY, HARRY MAGDOFF,

SILVERMAN testified that he was not a Communist or a contributor to the Communist Party or its front organizations.

On September 17, 1947, SILVERMAN was recalled as a witness before this same Grand Jury and clarified certain points in his previous testimony. He stated that it was during December, 1946 and January, 1947 that he had roomed with DAVID WEINTRAUB. He also qualified his testimony concerning the handling of documents in the Air Force which were of a classified nature. He stated that he often took such documents when going between other Government offices in the Air Corps in the course of his official duties. However, he denied ever taking such material to the home of the SILVERMASTERS. SILVERMAN testified that he did not recall having in his possession top secret material, but, however, it was quite possible such material came to his attention. He stated that on occasions, he had taken home Air Corps documents which he described as being of a non-classified nature and pertaining to strictly administrative matters as compared with information of a restricted nature. He denied ever showing HARRY DEXTER WHITE restricted information; however, he stated that he may have shown such material to LAUCHLIN CURRY in the latter's capacity as United States representative of the U. S.-Canadian Production Board.

At this time, SILVERMAN testified that SILVERMASTER might have spoken to him concerning ULLMANN and may have displayed some interest in his future. SILVERMAN also testified that he assisted IRVING KAPLAN return to the United States from Germany while the latter was in the Service. SILVERMAN

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denied that he had ever met ELIZABETH BENTLEY in the kitchen of the SILVER-MASTER home and denied recognizing a photograph of her. He stated that he may have discussed the B-29 Program on occasion at the home of the SILVER-MASTERS; however, he believes that his discussion would be confined to information contained in newspaper articles.

SILVERMAN was represented at this time by ISRAEL OSEAS, 55 Liberty Street, New York City.

On December 22, 1947, SILVERMAN was interviewed in connection with another Bureau investigation, and on that occasion he was asked if he were willing to make a full disclosure of his activities in connection with the subject's of the GREGORY case. SILVERMAN expressed some indignation at the fact that the espionage matter was again being brought up and declared that he would not answer any questions without the benefit of consulting with his attorney, ISRAEL OSEAS.

On August 12, 1948, SILVERMAN testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to answer any direct questions on the grounds that he was exercising his constitutional privileges against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment.

In the above captioned case, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has alleged that SILVERMAN in 1936 was a member of a Communist espionage group in Washington, D.C. CHAMBERS also alleged that he introduced SILVERMAN to Colonel BYKOV in addition to HARRY DEXTER WHITE, HENRY HILL COLLINS and ALGER HISS.

SILVERMAN, at this time CHAMBERS stated, was an employee of the Railroad Retirement Board, and although he was not in a position to supply him with confidential Government documents, was utilized by this espionage group to keep HARRY DEXTER WHITE "in line" in view of the fact that WHITE was a very close friend of SILVERMAN.

CHAMBERS also stated that in 1936, BYKOV, CHAMBERS' superior in the espionage group, suggested that a gift of rugs be made to ALGER HISS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, and GEORGE SILVERMAN. Arrangements were subsequently made for these rugs to be delivered to SILVERMAN in Washington, D. C. and, thereafter, the rugs were presented to HARRY WHITE and ALGER HISS. SILVERMAN is alleged to have delivered a rug to HARRY WHITE, and also delivered a rug to CHAMBERS in the outskirts of the District of Columbia.

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which rug was transmitted by CHAMBERS to the car of ALGER HISS. This meeting was pre-arranged by CHAMBERS and SILVERMAN.

CHAMBERS also alleged that prior to breaking with the Communist Party, he was assisted in obtaining a Government position with the National Research Project by SILVERMAN and IRVING KAPLAN, who was in Philadelphia with the National Research Project at that time.

An attempt was made to interview SILVERMAN concerning the above allegations in December, 1948 at which time SILVERMAN declined to answer any questions without advice of his counsel.

Information set out below is a brief summary of SILVERMAN'S testimony before the Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York made available for review by a confidential source.

On December 15, 1948, SILVERMAN testified that he was residing at 255 West 23rd Street, New York City, and that he was unemployed at that time. SILVERMAN was represented at this time by Attorney BERNARD JAFFEE, 52 Broadway, New York City.

SILVERMAN testified briefly as to his various Government positions especially during the period of 1936, 1937, and 1938, when he was employed with the Railroad Retirement Board. It will be noted that this is the last position SILVERMAN held prior to his joining the Army Air Force in a civilian capacity. He advised that in 1937 and 1938, he lived in Washington at 2138 California Street and also 2325 Fifteenth Street. At the outset of his testimony, SILVERMAN refused to answer questions concerning ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on the grounds that he might tend to incriminate himself and on the advice of counsel. A discussion took place as to his reason for not answering questions and this resulted in a consultation between SILVERMAN and his attorney. After this conference, SILVERMAN returned to the Grand Jury Room and expressed his desire to cooperate with the Grand Jury without urging any privilege.

SILVERMAN testified that he was acquainted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and had first met him in late 1936 as DAVID WHITTAKER. At that time, SILVERMAN was Director of Research at the Railroad Retirement Board and CHAMBERS visited him at his office, advising that he was a free-lance writer

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desiring information on the Railroad Retirement Act and its constitutionality. SILVERMAN did not recall giving CHAMBERS any information at this time. He testified that he saw CHAMBERS on numerous occasions after this meeting in Washington and understood that CHAMBERS was from New York City. These various meetings took place at dinner or luncheons. In the course of this relationship, it was discovered that they had a common interest in art and discussed the French writer DESTENDANEL. SILVERMAN testified that they also may have discussed politics. He stated that he was never acquainted with CHAMBERS' real occupation as an underground operator for the Communist Party. SILVERMAN stated that CHAMBERS may have visited his home; however, he denied ever being acquainted with Mrs. CHAMBERS.

SILVERMAN testified that he was not acquainted with ALGER HISS and had first met him in the Grand Jury anteroom when both were waiting to testify. He believed that HISS approached him and introduced himself after SILVERMAN had been identified to him by his attorney. SILVERMAN testified that he had never seen HISS prior to that time.

SILVERMAN also testified that during his acquaintance with CHAMBERS, the latter had borrowed various small amounts of money amounting to total of over \$75.00. SILVERMAN testified that this money has not been repaid as such; however, SILVERMAN related that he had bought two rugs from CHAMBERS sometime in 1937. He described these rugs as imported orientals. It was SILVERMAN'S understanding that CHAMBERS had an import connection and was able to get these rugs. Since CHAMBERS owed SILVERMAN money, these rugs were taken by SILVERMAN and paid for by him. SILVERMAN testified that he recalled he gave CHAMBERS two or three hundred dollars in addition to what CHAMBERS owed SILVERMAN. This was to be considered payment for the rugs. SILVERMAN testified that he gave one of these rugs to HARRY DEXTER WHITE, who was a long-standing friend of his over twenty-six years. He explained that he gave this rug to WHITE in return to WHITE'S hospitality when SILVERMAN lived with him for a period of two months when his wife was away, and WHITE would not accept any money for this. SILVERMAN recalled that when the rugs were delivered, there were four rugs and that he picked out two for himself and the remaining two were taken by CHAMBERS at a later date. SILVERMAN denied that he had ever put a rug in his car and drove to a point outside of Washington and delivered a rug to CHAMBERS. SILVERMAN said that he had accepted delivery of the four rugs at the request of CHAMBERS and recalled this to be about 1936 or 1937.

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SILVERMAN also testified that he was not a Communist nor had he ever been active in Communist Party circles. He also stated that HARRY WHITE was not a Communist to his knowledge. He denied ever speaking to WHITE concerning CHAMBERS. SILVERMAN described himself as an "easy touch" and, as a result, CHAMBERS often borrowed money from him. SILVERMAN stated that he has been unemployed since his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as a result of which he resigned his position with Orbach Department store.

SILVERMAN also testified briefly at this time concerning the allegation of ELIZABETH BENTLEY. SILVERMAN also testified that he had been contacted by a Mr. ROSENWALD, who he understood to be council for Mr. HISS and advised that he had visited ROSENWALD at his home to discuss his giving a deposition in favor of HISS concerning HISS' Baltimore libel suit. SILVERMAN also denied that he had ever talked to CHAMBERS about keeping HARRY WHITE in line.

In connection with SILVERMAN'S testimony before the Grand Jury in 1947, it is to be noted that Mayor WILLIAM O'DWYER of New York City contacted T. VINCENT QUINN, Assistant Attorney General, who was handling the Grand Jury at the time and advised that he was interested in SILVERMAN and had been approached on his behalf by JEROME K. ORBACH of Orbach Department Store. O'DWYER inquired if QUINN would be interested in having SILVERMAN make a complete and detailed statement concerning his part in instant case, furnishing all details, regardless of whether or not they were detrimental to himself or his friends. As a result of this, arrangements were made for SILVERMAN to appear before Mr. QUINN and Mr. T. J. DONEGAN to make a complete statement.

In this connection, SILVERMAN secured the services of Judge EDWARD LAZARUSKY, former Presiding Judge, Appellate Division, New York Supreme Court. At the time stated, SILVERMAN appeared to make this statement and advised that he had come to answer any questions, and claimed that he had no information which he had not already given to Bureau agents.

Inasmuch as this was a radical change from the contemplated attitude of SILVERMAN, this interview was brought to a close. It was apparent that SILVERMAN had talked to someone and suffered a change of heart.

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It will be noted that SILVERMAN has testified before the Grand Jury as not having been previously acquainted with ALGER HISS. In this connection, attention is directed to the case file of SILVERMAN in which it is set forth on Page 118 a signed statement by Mrs. VIRGINIA OLMSTEAD McINTYRE who advised that she identified a picture of PRISCILLA HISS as identical with a woman she had seen on several occasions in the company of Mrs. SARAH SILVERMAN. Mrs. McINTYRE from August, 1937 until June, 1946 was employed as a resident manager of the Garden Towers Apartment located at 2325 Fifteen Street, Washington, D. C. In connection with her relief duties at the telephone desk in the lobby of the Garden Towers, which was the residence of SILVERMAN, she also recognized a photograph of ALGER HISS as a person observed in the company of SILVERMAN.

Also contained in the file mentioned above, which is Serial 4, there is set forth on Page 126, a signed statement by STEVEN M. WALTER who advised that he resided at the same address above from late 1937 to late 1938. He also was aware of the fact that SILVERMAN lived on the same floor as his own apartment. He also stated that he was acquainted with ALGER HISS, having first come in contact with him during 1933 at the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He advised that during the period 1937 to 1938, he recalled meeting ALGER HISS in the elevator and after recognizing him, spoke to him casually. However, this greeting was not returned. Mr. WALTER also advised that HISS got off the elevator on the third floor; however, he did not determine which apartment he entered.

It is set out in Serial 3 in the file 100-95971, which is the case file of SILVERMAN, the signed statement given by WILLIAM MARSHALL BATCHLOR, a former employee of 2325 Fifteen Street, for a period of six months during 1937 or 1938. BATCHLOR recognized a photograph of ALGER HISS as an individual whom he had seen visiting someone in the apartment building.

It would appear from the above information set forth that there is a possibility SILVERMAN was acquainted with ALGER HISS and has not told the truth before the Grand Jury when he denied knowing HISS. It is also set forth in the above-mentioned Serial 3 that HELEN RINGE is a former girlfriend of SILVERMAN, which acquaintance dates back to 1931. HELEN RINGE has been interviewed at length by the San Francisco Office when she was visiting San Francisco as a delegate to the YWCA Convention. HELEN RINGE is an official of the YWCA in New York City and resides in New York City.

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At the time RINGE was interviewed in San Francisco, she expressed her desire to conclude the interview and to consider a future interview upon her return to New York City. However, she has not contacted this office since her return from the West Coast. It will be noted that RINGE, after being interviewed and having an appointment the following day with agents of the San Francisco Office, contacted the local office of the Civil Liberties Union which in turn contacted the San Francisco Office concerning the interview of RINGE on the previous day. During the interview RINGE admitted a close personal relationship with SILVERMAN, indicating that she might be the girlfriend of SILVERMAN. RINGE denied being a Communist; however, it will be noted that her sister, IRMA MAY RINGE, was a Communist Party member in 1935, having left the Party in 1940.

The investigation concerning SILVERMAN indicates that he has been extremely distressed as a result of the investigation and has been unable to obtain employment since leaving the Orbach Department Store.

The above information is being set forth as a brief summary of SILVERMAN'S activities and statements in order to determine whether or not further interview of SILVERMAN should be conducted.

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On September 9, 1949, Dr. VOJTECH KRAJCOVIC, JOHN SCIRANCA, and LOWEL E. JONES, all members of the American Friends of Slovak Freedom and members of the so-called National Committee for the Liberation of Slovakia, held a meeting with HOWARD RUSHMORE at the offices of the Journal-American. New York Confidential Informant [redacted] also a member of the National Committee for the Liberation of Slovakia, was present during this meeting.

During a general discussion between RUSHMORE and the other members of the Committee, [redacted] overheard RUSHMORE telling the members that he had received information that Dr. JAN PAPANEK, former Czechoslovakian UN-delegate who resigned following the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, had received \$35,000 from an organization of which ALGER HISS was an officer. According to the remarks overheard by the informant, PAPANEK allegedly received this money through the efforts of a Czechoslovakian who is also a member of this organization, and after PAPANEK had received the money he "kicked back" part of the \$35,000 to this Czechoslovakian. Informant stated that he did not hear the name of the unknown Czechoslovakian but heard him described as a friend of the late JAN MASARYK. Informant stated that RUSHMORE and the others present were anxious to develop additional information concerning this alleged kickback of funds, and that they intended to obtain the full facts and they would then make an issue of this matter. The informant stated that he did not hear the name of the organization and he did not know whether ALGER HISS was involved in this alleged kickback. The informant stated that the Slovaks are very anxious to develop as much derogatory information as possible concerning PAPANEK, and would be most anxious to develop information indicating that PAPANEK may have been involved in some fraudulent scheme. Informant further stated that they would also be anxious to involve PAPANEK with someone such as ALGER HISS.

For background information, it should be noted that a General MIKULAS FERJENCIK of Czechoslovakia arrived in the United States on August 15, 1949, as a displaced person. He was immediately arrested by INS at New York as an alleged Communist. General FERJENCIK was the former Minister of Interior in Czechoslovakia, and the Slovaks in this country claim that he is or had been a

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member of the Communist Party. They are demanding that INS deport General FERJENCIK. Dr. PAPANEK on the other hand, is supporting General FERJENCIK claiming that FERJENCIK is anti-Communist. According to available information, INS at New York plans to hold a hearing at which the Slovaks will present their claims and at which PAPANEK will testify on behalf of General FERJENCIK. The meeting at the Journal-American offices on September 9 was held by the Slovaks for the purpose of presenting their point of view to RUSHMORE.

R. V. GLINIAK,
Special Agent